

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 395—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THE NATO SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FROM MAY 20 THROUGH 21, 2012

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty, signed April 4, 1949, in Washington, District of Columbia, which created the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (referred to in this preamble as “NATO”), proclaims: “[Members] are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. They seek to promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area. They are resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security.”;

Whereas NATO has been the cornerstone of transatlantic security cooperation and an enduring instrument for promoting stability in Europe and throughout the world for over 60 years;

Whereas the NATO summit in Chicago, Illinois is an opportunity to enhance and more deeply entrench those principles, which continue to bind the alliance together and guide our efforts today;

Whereas the new Strategic Concept, approved in Lisbon, Spain in November 2010, affirms that all NATO members “are determined that NATO will continue to play its unique and essential role in ensuring our common defence and security” and that NATO “continues to be effective in a changing world, against new threats, with new capabilities and new partners”;

Whereas the Chicago Summit will mark a critical turning point for NATO and a chance to focus on current operations, future capabilities, and the relationship between NATO and partners around the world;

Whereas the Chicago Summit will be the first NATO summit held in the United States since the 50th anniversary summit was held in Washington, District of Columbia in 1999 and the first NATO summit held outside of Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said, “Chicago is a city built upon diversity, and on determination. Those are values that underpin NATO too.”;

Whereas the Chicago Summit presents an opportunity to show to the world the Heartland of the United States—the site of the first elevated railway, the first skyscraper in the world, the busiest futures exchange in the world, and the starting point for historic Route 66;

Whereas the thousands of visitors to the Chicago Summit will have the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the city of Chicago, the 77 distinct neighborhoods in Chicago, and the State of Illinois; and

Whereas the contributions of generations of immigrants have made the city of Chicago and the State of Illinois what they are today and the ancestral homelands of the immigrants now contribute to making NATO the organization it is today: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the service of the brave men and women who have served to safeguard the freedom and security of the United States and the whole of the transatlantic alliance;

(2) honors the sacrifices of United States personnel, allies of the North American Treaty Organization (referred to in this resolution as “NATO”), and partners in Afghanistan;

(3) remembers the 63 years NATO has served to ensure peace, security, and stability in Europe and throughout the world;

(4) reaffirms that NATO, through the new Strategic Concept, is oriented for the changing international security environment and the challenges of the future;

(5) urges all NATO members to take concrete steps to implement the Strategic Concept and to utilize the NATO summit in Chicago, Illinois to address current NATO operations, future capabilities and burden-sharing issues, and the relationship between NATO and partners around the world;

(6) conveys appreciation for the steadfast partnership between NATO and the United States; and

(7) expresses support for the 2012 NATO summit in Chicago.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA. 1830. Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 7, strike “4” and insert “6”.

On page 2, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

(5) Division E—Research and Education.

(6) Division F—Budgetary Effects.

On page 21, strike lines 5 through 10 and insert the following:

the unobligated balance of amounts—

(A) made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for previous fiscal years the funds for which are allocated by the Secretary (or apportioned by the Secretary under sections 202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code); and

(B) for which obligation authority was provided in a previous fiscal year;

On page 22, strike lines 6 through 9 and insert the following:

each of the programs (other than programs to which paragraph (1) applies) that are allocated by the Secretary under this Act and title 23, United States Code, or apportioned by the Secretary under sections 202 or 204 of that title, by multiplying—

On page 22, line 25, insert “and the amounts apportioned under section 204 of that title” after “(b)(12)”.

On page 24, line 8, strike “title II” and insert “division E”.

On page 24, line 23, insert “(excluding funds authorized for the program under section 202 of title 23, United States Code)” after “funds”.

On page 25, line 5, insert “(or will not be apportioned to the States under section 204 of title 23, United States Code)” after “States”.

On page 25, strike lines 17 through 20.

On page 84, strike line 6 and insert the following:

tory shall be considered to be a Governor of a State.

“(g) PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY AND MAINTAINING ROADWAYS.—The Secretary may use amounts from the emergency fund authorized by this section to carry out projects that the Secretary determines are necessary to protect public safety or to maintain or protect roadways that have been included within the scope of a prior emergency declaration in order to maintain the continuation of roadway services on roads that are threatened by continuous or frequent flooding.”.

On page 94, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 95, line 7, and insert the following:

“(A) SET-ASIDE.—Of the amounts apportioned to a State for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter under this section, the State shall obligate for activities described in subsection (c)(2) for off-system bridges an amount that is not less than 15 percent of the amount of funds apportioned to the State for the highway bridge program for fiscal year 2009.

“(B) REDUCTION OF EXPENDITURES.—The Secretary, after consultation with State and local officials, may reduce the requirement for expenditures for off-system bridges under subparagraph (A) with respect to the State if the Secretary determines that the State has inadequate needs to justify the expenditure.

On page 167, strike lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

“(V) a school district, local education agency, or school;

“(VI) a tribal government; and

“(VII) any other local or regional

On page 168, strike line 21 and insert the following:

“a Federal-aid highway under this chapter.

“(7) CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROJECTS.—Each State that does not opt out of this paragraph shall—

“(A) obligate an amount of funds reserved under this section equal to the amount of the funds apportioned to the State for fiscal year 2009 under section 104(h)(2) for projects relating to recreational trails under section 206;

“(B) return 1 percent of those funds to the Secretary for the administration of that program; and

“(C) comply with the provisions of the administration of the recreational trails program under section 206, including the use of apportioned funds described under subsection (d)(3)(A) of that section.

“(8) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—A State may opt out of the recreational trails program under paragraph (7) if the Governor of the State notifies the Secretary not later than 30 days prior to apportionments being made for any fiscal year.”.

On page 210, line 19, strike “ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES” and insert “TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS”.

Beginning on page 217, strike line 15 and all that follows through page 218, line 1, and insert the following:

“(aa) for each Indian tribe, 80 percent of the total relative need distribution factor and population adjustment factor for the fiscal year 2011 funding amount made available to that Indian tribe; and

“(bb) the remainder using tribal shares as described in subparagraphs (B) and (C).

“(II) For fiscal year 2013—

“(aa) for each Indian tribe, 60 percent of the total relative need distribution factor and population adjustment factor for the fiscal year 2011 funding amount made available to that Indian tribe; and

“(bb) the remainder using tribal shares as described in subparagraphs (B) and (C).

“(III) For fiscal year 2014—